

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

Notice of Availability of Funds

Cops in Shops College Fall Initiative 2016-17

Take notice that the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) announces the following availability of non-competitive subaward program funds:

A. Name of program:

Cops in Shops College Fall Initiative 2016-17

B. Purpose:

The ABC is the recipient of a \$65,000 block grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (HTS). The funds available in this notice are to be used to run the Cops in Shops College Fall Initiative 2016-17 program in qualifying municipalities.

Created by the Century Council, a national non-profit organization dedicated to combating underage drinking, the Cops in Shops program offers a unique approach to preventing the illegal purchase of alcohol by underage persons through a "partnership" of liquor retailers, specifically Plenary Retail Distribution license holders, and the law enforcement community. The program also targets adults who purchase alcoholic beverages for underage individuals.

Specifically, undercover police officers work cooperatively with licensed retailers by posing as employees or patrons in the retail establishments to stop anyone under the age of 21 who attempts to purchase alcohol or use false identification. The Cops in Shops program

advertises and educates youth, adults and parents about the legal repercussions of underage drinking through the use of posters, decals, stickers (advertised at point of sale) and newspaper releases.

Training of police officers who will be implementing the Cops in Shops program will be conducted by the ABC's Enforcement Unit. One of the key aspects of this training will be identification of underage persons and false IDs.

C. Available Funding:

The ABC is the recipient of a \$65,000 block grant for the 2016-17 program period from HTS. The funds available in this notice are to be used to run the Cops in Shops College Fall Initiative program in qualifying municipalities. The initiative will be supported by Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 National Priority Safety Programs (CFDA NO. 20.616) funding from the Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The ABC is seeking subaward applications for this initiative. The funds will be awarded on a non-competitive basis for the program period of December 1, 2016 through June 15, 2017. The number of awards available and the amount of awards depends upon the number of applications received.

D. Organizations which may apply for funding under this program:

The ABC is seeking applications from municipal police departments throughout New Jersey that have a college or university within its borders, or borders a municipality with a college within its borders. These municipalities have observed an influx of individuals under the legal age to engage in alcoholic beverage activity enter into their community when the college/university is in session.

The departments selected to implement the program will be encouraged to select retail liquor outlets based upon complaints and to seek out cooperating retailers. Agencies are required to submit letters of intent to participate from the retail licensed establishments that they plan to work with. The division recommends that two off-duty police officers be assigned to work in four-hour shifts. The ABC will reimburse the departments for their officers for overtime rate not to exceed \$50.00 per hour. Deterrence will be a major component of this effort. Cooperating retailers will post signs and other materials warning underage individuals that the program can be operating at any time on the licensed premises. Press releases will be issued and local news media will be encouraged to print weekly reports of arrests. Program participants will be required to submit to the ABC weekly timesheets and arrest data to monitor the results of the program.

E. Qualifications needed by Applicant to be considered for funding:

Municipal police departments in New Jersey that have a college or university within their borders or that border a municipality that has a college or university.

F. Procedures for Eligible Organizations to apply:

Proposal Format:

A letter from the municipal police department requesting funding for the program must contain the following:

1. A description of the college/university that is within the municipalities border, or the location of the neighboring town's college/university; and
2. That when the college/university is in session, a noticeable influx of individuals under the age of 21 is seen in the municipality; and

3. The names and addresses of Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses that will be cooperating with the municipal police department by participating in the program; and

The applicant must also provide:

1. A municipal resolution authorizing the municipal police department to participate in the program. If a resolution cannot be passed before the application deadline one can be provided after the application deadline, prior to any requests for reimbursement; and
2. All of the following documents:
 - a. Application and Grant Conditions signed by an authorized official;
 - b. Certification Regarding Debarment Suspension Lobbying and Other Matters and Certification Regarding Federal Lobbying;
 - c. College Fall 2016-17 Application Authorization;
 - d. Debarred and Suspension Certification and proof of compliance; and
 - e. Federal Single Audit Requirement Certification and proof of compliance.

Failure to meet the criteria of the program, submit a completed application packet with the time frame, and/or failure to accept the conditions of the grant are grounds for a denial of funding.

Prior performance under the Cops in Shops College Fall Initiative will also be a factor in determining the awarding of funds. **Failure to use previously awarded funds under prior**

Cops in Shops College Fall grants and failure to abide by all conditions of the grant could result in a denial of funds for the present grant initiative.

Application packets may be obtained online from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's website at www.nj.gov/oag/abc.

Funds awarded **cannot** be used for the following:

1. Construction, renovation or land acquisition.
2. Supplanting federal, state or local funds supporting existing programs or activities.
3. Purchase of equipment.

Complete application packets must be received at the ABC **no later than 4:30 P.M. November 21, 2016**. Facsimile copies will not be accepted. No extension of the deadline will be considered. Failure to meet the deadline will result in the application being eliminated from funding consideration. Additional letters or other materials will not be accepted after the deadline.

The proposal should be sent to:

By Regular Mail:
DAG Marita K. Navarro
Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control
P.O. Box 087
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

By UPS/FedEx:
DAG Marita K. Navarro
Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control
140 East Front Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial on or about November 30, 2016.

Please be advised that subrecipients will comply (and must require any subrecipients or contractors to comply) with any applicable federal nondiscrimination requirements, which may include but are not limited to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 168586); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07); the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-259); the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-555); the comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-616), as amended; sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 290dd-3 and 290ee-3), and any other nondiscrimination statutes which may apply.

In accordance with federal civil rights laws, subrecipients shall not retaliate against individuals for taking action or participating in action to secure rights protected by the laws referenced above.

G. Program Reporting Requirements

Within 5 days from the date of a detail, completed arrest citation and summary of arrest forms must be submitted. Also, completed monthly reimbursement forms must be submitted within 7 days from the end of that particular month. There may be additional reporting requirements contained in the grant conditions that must be adhered to.

H. Suspension of Funding

The ABC may suspend (in whole or in part) authority to drawdown or expend funds, terminate a subaward or impose a sanction on a subaward recipient for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to adhere to the requirements, standard conditions, or special conditions placed on the subaward;
2. Failure to submit timely reports;
3. Filing a false certification in reports or application;
4. Other good cause shown.